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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 3513

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ALLEGED IMPORTATION OF CUBAN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

REF: (A) STATE 158301, (B) STATE A-1483

1. OFFICIAL DUTCH STATISTICS DO NOT SHOW A SEPARATE BREAK-
DOWN OF TRADE DATA FOR ANPHTA WHICH IS INCLUDED IN TWO
BROADER CATEGORIES: (1) "LIGHT OILS INTENDED FOR FURTHER
PROCESSING" AND (2) "LIGHT OILS FOR OTHER CHEMICAL PROCESSING."

2. IMPORTS OF THOSE TWO CATEGORIES FROM CUBA IN 1977 WERE
AS FOLLOWS:

(1) 162,765,000 LITERS (99,659 METRIC TONS) VALUED AT
35,562,000 GUILDERS (\$14,512,000), AMOUNTING TO 2.4 PERCENT
OF TOTAL QUANTITY AND 2.4 PERCENT OF TOTAL VALUE OF IMPORTS
FROM ALL COUNTRIES; AND (2) 20,248,000 LITERS (12,149 METRIC
TONS) VALUED AT 4,644,000 GUILDERS (\$5,895,000) AMOUNTING TO
20.1 PERCENT OF TOTAL QUANTITY AND 18.6 PERCENT OF TOTAL
VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES.

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3. THERE WERE NO DUTCH EXPORTS OF THOSE TWO CATEGORIES.

4. DUTCH TRADE SOURCES STATE THAT DUTCH BROKERS HAVE
MADE SPOT PURCHASES OF CUBAN NAPHTHA IN 1977 AND 1978,
THAT CUBAN NAPHTHA IS SOLD AS FEEDSTOCK TO MAJOR CHEMICAL
COMPANIES, AND THAT NETHER CUBAN NAPHTHA NOR PRODUCTS

OF THAT NAPTHA ARE EXPORTED TO US. THEY ALSO CONFIRM
THAT CUBAN NAPTHA COMPRISES SUCH A SMALL PORTION OF
DUTCH IMPORTS AND AN EVEN MUCH SMALLER PORTION OF DUTCH
INDUSTRIAL CONSUMPTION OF NAPTHA AS TO MAKE IT VIRTUALLY
IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY AND TRACE PRODUCTS THAT MAY HAVE
BEEN DERIVED FROM CUBAN NAPTHA.
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